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## **SUMMARY FOR 02-09-09 THROUGH 04-05-09**

This reporting period takes us through week fourteen of 2009. We continue our basic approach of attempting to improve the quality of life in the BID areas. This includes coordinating our efforts with every like-minded agency and individual that we can identify. We provide outreach to the homeless community and others in need, reach out to the business community, take enforcement action when needed and respond to the changing needs of our client. This includes altering our hours of operation as we seek to find the most effective use of our manpower.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

In January of 2009 I met a sixty year old man named Lorenzo. He came to Hollywood from Las Vegas because of personal problems and the lure of a job. When he reported to the address he was given for the job, he learned that it was an empty building. With no funds or options, he joined the ranks of our homeless population. Soon he was panhandling on our streets.

Courtney, from the PATH Hero Team, approached me and asked if we could help. She said that Lorenzo had a background in Security work. I interviewed Lorenzo, consulted with my superiors, and we decided to take a chance.

Lorenzo has now worked for us for about two months. If you find yourself at the TV Guide building on Hollywood Blvd., you can say hello to our new guard. His supervisor tells me that he is doing a great job. Lorenzo is staying in a PATH Shelter while he saves up enough money to get a place of his own. This is the kind of win-win situation that we are committed to pursuing at every opportunity.

I spoke previously of our purchase of two T-3 electric vehicles. We are now deploying them on a near daily basis and are finding them to be a great addition to our patrols. We have used them for high visibility patrol, arresting suspects, and even to locate a critical missing person on Hollywood Blvd. All this on ten cents worth of electricity a day. No gas, no pollution and they're fun to drive.

On 02-23-09 Selma Elementary School Principal Julie Kane held a press conference to announce a new collaboration between the school and the Hollywood Wilshire YMCA. This will bring much needed intramural sports and other activities to the campus. Sunset BID

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stakeholder, NCA Green, owners of the Palladium, donated \$21,000.00 for the program. Andrews Security was on hand to show support and to provide security for the event.

On 02-28-09, we received a call from LAPD Sgt. Lopez. He asked for our help in locating a critical missing person who was last seen in the area of Hollywood and Highland. The subject was named Randall. He was described as being in his 40's and

was unable to speak. He was mentally impaired. We had our T-3's begin a search along with other units. We located Randall about 3 hours later as he tried to board a tour bus.

On 03-18-09 the owner of our company, Randy Andrews, hosted a luncheon for us. It was in honor of our Officers who prevented the rape of a young woman on 02-27-09. LAPD Hollywood Division Captains Grimala and Miller attended as well as Andrews Vice President Bill Farrar. The Captains presented BID Officers Ortiz and Parra with commendations for their role in the arrest of the rape suspects. All the other involved Officers were thanked as well.

On 03-19-09, I attended an LAPD Supervisors Meeting. This was an opportunity to introduce ourselves and explain our duties to the assembled supervisors. BID Officer Pelch, Assistant Director Joe Salazar, and I addressed the group. This was just one more step in maintaining and expanding our excellent relationship with LAPD.

On 03-20-09 we received a call asking for assistance at Hollywood and Sycamore. There was a Star Ceremony in progress for Smokey Robinson and the crowd was getting out of hand. We responded and assisted LAPD in regaining control of the scene.

On 03-21-09 there was an anti-war March that passed through both the Hollywood and Sunset BIDs. Our Officers assisted with crowd control. I was in the LAPD Command POST coordinating communications between LAPD and the various businesses and security agencies that were in the path of the march.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 02-09-09 LAPD Crime Control Meeting.
- 2) 02-09-09 SBID Board Meeting.
- 3) 02-12-09 H+H Retail Meeting.
- 4) 02-12-09 Homeless CPAB Meeting.
- 5) 02-19-09 HPOA Meeting.

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- 6) 02-23-09 Selma Elementary School Press Event.
- 7) 02-24-09 LAPD Crime Control Meeting.
- 8) 02-24-09 Blessed Sacrament Tour.
- 9) 02-24-09 Nightclub CPAB.
- 10) 02-26-09 HBID/SBID Security Committee Meeting.
- 11) 02-26-09 Yimby Meeting.
- 12) 02-26-09 H&H Retail Meeting.
- 13) 03-02-09 Library Meeting Security Issues.
- 14) 03-10-09 Sunset BID Board Meeting
- 15) 03-10-09 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 16) 03-12-09 LAPD Anti-War March Planning Meeting
- 17) 03-16-09 United Way/Torrey Meeting
- 18) 03-17-09 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 19) 03-18-09 LAPD/Andrews Int. Luncheon
  
- 20) 03-19-09 HBID Board Meeting
- 21) 03-19-09 Presentation and Introduction at LAPD Supervisor Meeting
- 22) 03-19-09 H&H Retail Meeting
- 23) 03-21-09 LAPD Anti-War March Command Post
- 24) 03-24-09 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 25) 03-26-09 YIMBY Homeless Connect Day Meeting
- 26) 03-26-09 H&H Retail Meeting
- 27) 03-27-09 PATH Outreach Presentation
- 28) 03-31-09 CPAB Meeting

**OUTREACH:**

On 02-06-09 our Officers met Robert at Sunset and Cahuenga. He said he was homeless, hungry, and unable to obtain identification. We contacted Get Love who responded. They got him food and put him in contact with the Veteran's Administration for assistance.

On 02-10-09 our Officers found 62 year old Sam on the ground at 1650 Highland. He was dehydrated and could not walk. We called Paramedics and Unit 823 responded and took him to the hospital.

On 02-11-09 our Officers found Wendy on the ground at 6504 Hollywood Blvd. She was unresponsive. We called Paramedics and Unit 27 responded. They believed that she had possibly suffered a seizure or stroke. They then took her to the hospital.

We also received a radio call of a lost and disorientated woman at the Greyhound Terminal. Upon arrival, they spoke to 76 year old Pei-ing. She had just arrived on the bus from Texas. She had no money or

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shelter. Our Officers contacted Get Love who responded. They placed in a hotel and arranged to return her to her family in Texas.

On 02-23-09, our Officers met 45 year old Robert. He was homeless and out of options. We contacted the Veteran's Administration for him and they agreed to house him. They needed him to respond to their location on Wilshire. We then made arrangements for Get Love to supply Robert with bus tokens so that he could get there.

On 02-26-09 our Officers found 44 year old Edward on the ground at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. He was non-responsive. His walker was on the ground next to him. Money was falling out of his pockets and he had a hospital wristband on his wrist. We called Paramedics and unit RA27 responded and took him to the hospital.

On 03-03-09 we were saddened to find long time homeless subject Desni deceased at the bus stop at Fountain and Vine. He had no identification. We have had numerous contacts and we were able to provide the Coroner with his name, date of birth etc.

We had watched Desni's condition steadily decline. He adamantly refused all offers of help. We did call the Health Department on his behalf in the days and weeks before his death, but it appears that they had no luck with him either.

On 03-03-09 our Officers found Edward down in a fountain at 6360 Sunset Blvd. He was semi-conscious. We called Paramedics and units RA27 and 52 responded and took him to the hospital.

On 03-20-09 we found a man unconscious at 1810 Cahuenga. We called Paramedics unit RA27 who were able to revive him. We never learned his name.

On 03-23-09 our Officers received a radio call of a man loitering at 1743 Cahuenga. We made contact and learned that Charles had come from Nebraska. He was now homeless and said he could not go home. PATH was contacted and were able to place him in a shelter.

On 03-27-09 we received a radio call of a man threatening people with a knife at Jack-in- the-Box (6407 Sunset Blvd.) Upon arrival they saw Douglas with the knife. He was placed under arrest and LAPD was called as Douglas had obvious mental issues. They responded and placed a 5150 hold on him.

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On 03-30-09 our Officers arrested Laura (12-28-75) for defecating and urinating in public at Hollywood and Orange. We then learned that she was a reported missing person from Rampart Division. LAPD transported her home.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

Attached are the year-to-date statistics for both BIDS. These results reflect the first 14 weeks of 2009.

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 249 arrests. One hundred and seventy two were for drinking in public, 27 for urinating in public, 21 for drugs, 3 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 1 for battery, 2 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 8 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 11 for felonies. We also made 532 homeless referrals, assisted 112 agencies, provided extra patrol to 749 locations, assisted 951 citizens, handled 584 radio calls for service and made 610 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 134 arrests. Eighty-two were for drinking in public, 22 for urinating in public, 4 for drugs, 3 for trespass, 2 for blocking the sidewalk, 8 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 13 for felonies. We also made 307 homeless referrals, assisted 35 agencies, provided extra patrol to 464 locations, assisted 830 citizens, handled 282 radio calls for service, and made 215 business contacts.

The combined totals for both BIDS are 383 arrests. Two hundred and fifty four for drinking in public, 49 for urinating in public, 25 for misdemeanor drugs, 6 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 1 for battery, 4 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 16 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 24 for various felonies. We also made a combined total of 839 homeless referrals, assisted 147 agencies, provided extra patrol to 1213 locations, assisted 1781 citizens, handled 866 radio calls for service, and made 825 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 02-09-09 our Officers received a radio call of a man exposing himself to passing vehicles and pedestrians at 6740 Franklin Place. Upon arrival, they watched Raymond to see if he would repeat the

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offense. They then saw him urinate in public and placed him under arrest.

We received a radio call of an assault with a handgun at the Jack-in-the-Box on Sunset Blvd. We responded and learned that Wendy had pointed a gun at the Assistant Manager. Our Officers caught up with Wendy and placed her under arrest. She was in possession of a very realistic air soft gun. Wendy is homeless and clearly has mental illness issues.

On 02-23-09 a costumed character (Darth Vader) came into our office. He claimed that he had been threatened by a CD seller in front of the Chinese Theater. He also said this suspect had a restraining order on file banning him from Hollywood and Highland. We had the order on file and then arrested Daniel for the violation.

On 02-25-09, our Officers received a radio call of felony vandalism at the Guinness Book of World Records located at 6764 Hollywood Blvd. The suspect, Johnny, broke nine neon tubes and then fled the scene. Our Officers found him and arrested him for the violation. While in our office, Ashby tried to eat a personal check that he had in his possession. We turned this over to LAPD, as it seems likely that this check was stolen.

The following incident involves the attempted rape of an eighteen year old female. At the time of the incident we had one team of Officers working in the Sunset BID and four teams working in the Hollywood BID. Our two early morning cars had already gone home for the day.

On 02-27-09, at about 4:45 P.M., one of our teams was on patrol in the Sunset BID when they saw a male suspect holding a large beer bottle. He was on Leland Way between Vine and El Centro. The Officers then drove around the block and found a vantage point where they could watch and see if there would be a drinking in public violation. They saw that there were four other people with the suspect for a total of three males and two females at the location. They were drinking, but the Officers also saw that one of the

males was holding up one of the females who was clearly unconscious. The male was kissing and fondling the female. The other males joined in the assault of the female.

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Our Officers called for backup, but all of our units were at the LAPD Station booking. Note that we made twelve arrests on this date. The situation escalated as the suspects put the victim on the hood of a car. They pulled up her top and all three were fondling and groping the victim. Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar contacted LAPD and helped coordinate their response. Our two-man team moved closer to the crime scene as it was clear that the victim was in great danger.

Our other Officers rushed to get their prisoners secured and then began heading for the crime scene as rapidly as they could. They formed a perimeter around the crime scene. Our Officers are trained to wait for back-up on a situation like this if at all possible, however the incident escalated further as the suspects started to undo the victim's pants. This was occurring in broad daylight and the suspects were laughing as they conducted their assault. Our Officers then prepared to move in.

Just then LAPD arrived in force with a helicopter and six patrol cars. Two suspects started walking off northbound just prior to LAPD's arrival. Two of our Officers on the perimeter stopped them. Our other teams had the area surrounded to prevent any of the suspects escaping.

LAPD Unit 6X66 was the handling unit. They took the 3 male suspects into custody as well as the other female. The suspects were charged with 220 PC Assault with Intent to Commit a Felony (Rape). LAPD Sex Crimes Detective Klohr responded with his team and processed the crime scene and interviewed the suspects.

The female victim was rushed to the hospital. She was still unconscious hours later. Our Officers were told that she had a blood alcohol level of .35%.

Our Officers followed our policies and procedures to the letter. Joe Salazar fulfilled his role as Supervisor by keeping a cool head and getting the teams the resources they needed to safely affect the arrest of these dangerous suspects. The Officers all showed great tactics and restraint.

The ultimate goal was the protection of the victim. Rushing in prematurely against superior numbers could well have jeopardized the safety of both the victim and our Officers. Nevertheless, the Officers were prepared to do just that if the suspects had started raping the victim. Indeed, the Officers were just about to attempt the

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arrest of the suspects alone when they were advised that LAPD was just moments away.

The coordination between our Andrews International BID Security Team and the LAPD during this incident was great as well. This case is a testimonial to the wonderful partnership we have formed here.

Due to the dedication, skill and courage of our officers, as well as the LAPD Officers and Detectives involved, this young woman was spared a potentially life altering experience, if not worse. Our Officers routinely display their commitment to improving this community whether they are risking their own safety to take violent offenders off the street, attending an Elementary School Open House, or assisting a mentally ill homeless person, and I commend them for their actions.

On 03-04-09, our Officers received a radio call of a suspect throwing chairs at the Café ETC. located at 6371 Selma. We responded and arrested Daren for a felony narcotics warrant. We learned that he was also a registered sex offender.

Our Officers also arrested Dennis for drinking in public at 6425 Yucca. We then learned that he had a 28 page RAP sheet.

On 03-05-09 our Officers received a call regarding Charles who was causing a disturbance at 1641 Cahuenga. He threatened the store owner saying he would beat her. He then started talking to the owner's cat. The frightened owner called us. We arrested him for criminal threats and for possession of cocaine.

On 03-06-09 our Officers arrested Steve for drinking in public at 1652 Cahuenga Blvd. They then learned that he was wanted on a Felony Parolee at Large Warrant.

On 03-20-09 we arrested Mark for urinating in public in the alley behind 7060 Hollywood Blvd. We had received a complaint from Clean Streets that people were using the alley as a bathroom. This situation was causing a conflict with a resident who objected to the noise generated by Clean Streets as they cleaned up the alley.

On 03-24-09 we arrested Spencer at 6254 De Longpre for drinking in public. We then transported him to the LAPD Police Station for booking. He was cited out and released. After leaving the station, our Officers saw him urinate on the building. He was then arrested for urinating in public.



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On 03-27-09 we arrested James for drinking in public at Sunset and Wilcox. We then learned that he had several outstanding felony warrants.

On 04-02-09 we received a radio call of two suspects shop lifting at the Payless Shoes located at 1250 Vine. Our Officers caught the suspects some distance from the location. We arrested Jordache Simmons and Marlow. We then learned that they each had three felony aggravated Arson warrants from Ohio. Authorities there were contacted and advised they would extradite the suspects.

Our Officers also arrested William and Gordon for drinking at 1541 Wilcox. We then learned that one had an outstanding Felony PAL (Parolee at Large) warrant and had also failed to register as a sex offender.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During most of this period in the Hollywood BID we covered the hours of 6:00 A.M until 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday we covered 6:00 A.M until midnight. On Sunday we covered 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. During this period, we worked a Friday night shift until 3:00 A.M. We found gridlock traffic and crimes and events occurring that did not seem well suited to our strengths.

On April 1, 2009 in the Hollywood BID we began covering the hours of 6:00 A.M. until 10:30 P.M.

In the Sunset BID we covered the hours of 6:00 A.M on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday we covered 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period, our Officers received a variety of legal update training. As we are now working until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, we scheduled extra firearms training this month. This training was geared specifically for nighttime issues. We also had six Officers take training for our soon to start bike patrol.

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